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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Cancel claims 1 to 17 and add the following claims:

25. A composition for inhibiting degranulation of mastocytes induced by substance P comprising an effective amount of a mixture of 30 to 99% by weight of sea water and 0.0001 to 10% by weight of a basic amino acid or its salts or esters and an inert non-toxic carrier.

26. A composition of claim *27* wherein the basic amino acid contains a substituent selected from the group consisting of guanidine, amino, substituted amino, quaternary ammonium methyl, carboxamido, cyano, phosphonic or hydrazido.

27. A composition of claim *27* wherein the basic amino is an extract selected from the group consisting of algae extract, marine extract, thermal and lake mud extract, bacterial extract and plankton extract.

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